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CHART STANDARDIZATION & PAPER CHART WORKING GROUP

(CSPCWG)

[A Working Group of the Hydrographic Services and Standards Committee (HSSC)]

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**CSPCWG Letter: 05/2014**

UKHO ref: HA317/010/032-13

 Date 3 July 2014

Dear Colleagues

**Subject: CSPCWG10 Action 7 – Revision of S-4 B-160**

During discussions on the CSPCWG Terms of Reference at CSPCWG10, Michel Huet commented that S-4 B-160 would need revision when the revision of S-4 B-500 is published to reflect the requirement for S-4 to be maintained in accordance with IHO Resolution 2/2007. The resultant action was:

Action 7: Sec to propose to the WG a clarification to S-4 B-160 when revision of S-4 is complete.

The revised B-500 has been approved (IHO CL 38/2014 refers) and a new edition of S-4 is now being prepared to incorporate it. This will be the last revision of S-4 under the existing terms of B-160; future updates will be subject to the terms of IHO Resolution 2/2007. It is therefore urgent to agree new wording for B-160, to incorporate in this new edition of S-4.

The proposed new wording is at Annex A. Please use the Response form at Annex B to approve this wording, or suggest any improvements, **by 28 August 2014**.

Yours sincerely,



Jeff Wootton,

Chairman

Annex A: Proposed revision of S-4 B-160

Annex B: Response form

Annex A to CSPCWG Latter 05/2014

**Proposed revision of S-4 B-160 (with changes shown)**

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* adopt a new specification,
* use a new symbol or abbreviation for a feature for which there is no existing INT symbol or abbreviation, or
* amend an existing specification

should inform the IHB at the earliest opportunity. All such proposals for changes should be referred by the IHB to the Chairman of the CSPCWG. Members of the CSPCWG, in their capacity as a standing group of experts, should also identify new points requiring standardization action and refer them as soon as possible to the Chairman of CSPCWG.

The Chairman of CSPCWG will consider the proposals and, if appropriate, consult any stakeholders and refer the proposals to the IHO Hydrographic Services and Standards Committee (HSSC) for approval as CSPCWG Work Items. Changes which are categorized as ‘clarifications’ according to Resolution 2/2007 as amended are not required to be referred to HSSC; the Chairman of CSPCWG will determine if they should be reviewed by CSPCWG members before incorporation into the Specifications.

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Annex B to CSPCWG Letter 05/2014

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Response Form

(please return to CSPCWG Secretary by 28 August 2014)

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| Question | Yes | No |
| Do you agree with the proposed revision of S-4 B-160? |  |  |

Further comments:

Name:

Member State: